

**WARRANT FOR  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
  
ELECTION**

**Saturday, April 10, 2021**



**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
Monday, April 26, 2021**

**TOWN OF ARLINGTON**

**TOWN WARRANT**  
**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**  
Middlesex, ss.

To the Constables of the Town of Arlington, in said County:

**GREETINGS:**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Arlington qualified to vote in elections, to meet at the polling places designated for the several Precincts in said Town on

**SATURDAY**  
**THE TENTH DAY OF APRIL 2021**

at eight o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, namely:

**ARTICLE 1 TO ELECT BY BALLOT:**

- A) One Assessor for three years**
- B) Two Select Board Members for three years**
- C) Two School Committee Members for three years**
- D) One Arlington Housing Authority Member for five years**

Also, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 43A of the General Laws, the number of Town Meeting Members hereinafter specified:

<b>PRECINCT 1 -</b>	<b>Four for three years;</b>
<b>PRECINCT 2 -</b>	<b>Four for three years;</b>
<b>PRECINCT 3 -</b>	<b>Four for three years;</b>
<b>PRECINCT 4 -</b>	<b>Four for three years;</b>
<b>PRECINCT 5 -</b>	<b>Four for three years; One for two years (to fill a vacancy)</b>
<b>PRECINCT 6 -</b>	<b>Four for three years;</b>
<b>PRECINCT 7 -</b>	<b>Four for three years;</b>
<b>PRECINCT 8 -</b>	<b>Four for three years;</b>
<b>PRECINCT 9 -</b>	<b>Four for three years;</b>
<b>PRECINCT 10 -</b>	<b>Four for three years;</b>
<b>PRECINCT 11 -</b>	<b>Four for three years;</b>
<b>PRECINCT 12 -</b>	<b>Four for three years;</b>
<b>PRECINCT 13 -</b>	<b>Four for three years;</b>
<b>PRECINCT 14 -</b>	<b>Four for three years;</b>
<b>PRECINCT 15 -</b>	<b>Four for three years;</b>
<b>PRECINCT 16 -</b>	<b>Four for three years; One for one year (to fill a vacancy)</b>
<b>PRECINCT 17 -</b>	<b>Four for three years;</b>
<b>PRECINCT 18 -</b>	<b>Four for three years; One for two years (to fill a vacancy)</b>
<b>PRECINCT 19 -</b>	<b>Four for three years; One for one year (to fill a vacancy)</b>
<b>PRECINCT 20 -</b>	<b>Four for three years;</b>
<b>PRECINCT 21 -</b>	<b>Four for three years.</b>

For these purposes, the polls will be opened at eight o'clock A.M. and remain open until eight o'clock P.M., at each of the polling places designated, viz.:

- Precinct 1 Thompson School, 187 Everett Street
- Precinct 2 Hardy School, 52 Lake Street (entrance on Brooks Avenue)
- Precinct 3 Thompson School, 187 Everett Street
- Precinct 4 Hardy School, 52 Lake Street (entrance on Brooks Avenue)
- Precinct 5 Thompson School, 187 Everett Street
- Precinct 6 Hardy School, 52 Lake Street (entrance on Brooks Avenue)
- Precinct 7 Town Hall, 730 Massachusetts Avenue (beside Robbins Library)
- Precinct 8 Town Hall, 730 Massachusetts Avenue (beside Robbins Library)
- Precinct 9 Bishop School, 25 Columbia Road (entrance on Stowcroft Road)
- Precinct 10 Town Hall, 730 Massachusetts Avenue (beside Robbins Library)
- Precinct 11 Bishop School, 25 Columbia Road (entrance on Stowcroft Road)
- Precinct 12 Brackett School, 66 Eastern Avenue (Left at Water Tower at top of Park Avenue)
- Precinct 13 Stratton School, 180 Mountain Avenue
- Precinct 14 Brackett School, 66 Eastern Avenue (Left at Water Tower at top of Park Avenue)
- Precinct 15 Stratton School, 180 Mountain Avenue
- Precinct 16 Dallin School, 185 Florence Avenue (off Park Avenue)
- Precinct 17 Peirce School, 85 Park Ave. Extension (entrance on Newland Road)
- Precinct 18 Dallin School, 185 Florence Avenue (off Park Avenue)
- Precinct 19 Peirce School, 85 Park Ave. Extension (entrance on Newland Road)
- Precinct 20 Dallin School, 185 Florence Avenue (off Park Avenue)
- Precinct 21 Peirce School, 85 Park Ave. Extension (entrance on Newland Road)

You are also required to notify and warn the said inhabitants to meet **virtually** on Monday the 26th day of April, 2021, at eight o'clock in the evening, at which time and place the following articles are to be acted upon and determined exclusively by Town Meeting Members, in accordance with and subject to the referenda provided for by Chapter 43A of the General Laws. For more information visit <https://www.arlingtonma.gov/>

## **ARTICLE 2**

### **STATE OF THE TOWN ADDRESS**

To hear the Chair of the Select Board review important events in the past year in Arlington and preview expectations for next year.

(Inserted at the request of Envision Arlington)

## **ARTICLE 3**

### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

To receive, hear, and act upon the reports of the Select Board, Finance Committee, Redevelopment Board, School Committee and other committees, commissions, and boards heretofore appointed, or dissolve any inactive committees; and take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Moderator)

## **ARTICLE 4**

### **APPOINTMENT OF MEASURER OF WOOD AND BARK**

To choose and appoint all the usual Town Officers not hereinbefore mentioned, in such a manner as the Town may determine; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted by the Select Board)

## **ARTICLE 5**

### **ELECTION OF ASSISTANT TOWN MODERATOR**

To elect a Town Meeting Member as Assistant Moderator for a term of one year, as provided in Title I, Article 1, Section 11.A, of the Bylaws; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Moderator)

**ARTICLE 6****BYLAW AMENDMENT/CPAC MEMBER TERM LIMITS**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Title II Article 12 (“Community Preservation Act Committee”) Section 1(c) of the Town Bylaws remove term limits for CPAC at-large members, and replace it with a provision for member removal based upon a majority vote of the member’s appointing authority; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

**ARTICLE 7****BYLAW AMENDMENT/ROCK REMOVAL REQUIREMENTS**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Title VI of the Town Bylaws to add a new provision to require rock excavation in residential or commercial development be conducted by blasting rather than chipping, digging, or other means of mechanical excavation consistent with the requirements of state law wherever such means of excavation is determined safe and feasible, and to further set forth the scope of applicability, terms, and conditions of such requirements; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

**ARTICLE 8****BYLAW AMENDMENT/CANINE CONTROL FEES & FINES**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Bylaws, Title VIII, Article 2 (“Canine Control”) Section 4 to clarifying canine licensing registration deadlines, and adjust penalties; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Clerk)

**ARTICLE 9****BYLAW AMENDMENT/DISPLAY OF NOTICE FINES**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Bylaws, Title V, Article 1 Section 2 to reduce fines for violations greater than twenty days from \$500 to \$300 in accordance with state law; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

**ARTICLE 10****BYLAW AMENDMENT/STREET PERFORMANCE DEFINITIONS**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Bylaws, Title III, Article 1, Section 18 (“Street Performances”) to expand the definition of “Perform” to allow the creation of items for sale; and further to remove or amend the prohibition of street performances in Town parks and recreation areas; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

**ARTICLE 11****BYLAW AMENDMENT/STORMWATER MANAGEMENT**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Title V, Article 15 of the Town Bylaws (“Stormwater Mitigation”) to update such bylaw so as to add, remove or amend definitions, clarify the bylaw’s procedures and applicability to certain projects, and adjust fees; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted by the Select Board)

**ARTICLE 12****BYLAW AMENDMENT/CHANGING COLUMBUS DAY TO  
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY**

To see if the Town will vote to celebrate and recognize the heritage of the peoples indigenous to Massachusetts and Arlington by amending Title I, Article 6: Classification and Compensation Plans and Human Resource Bylaw, Section 16, Holidays, to rename “Columbus Day” as “Indigenous Peoples Day”; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted by the Select Board at the request of the Arlington Human Rights Commission)

**ARTICLE 13                    BYLAW AMENDMENT/ADDING JUNETEENTH INDEPENDENCE DAY  
TO HOLIDAYS**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Title I, Article 6: Classification and Compensation Plans and Human Resource Bylaw, Section 16, Holidays, to include Juneteenth Independence Day in the list of holidays, in accordance with Clause Eighteenth of Section 7 of Chapter 4, and Sections 13 and 16 of Chapter 136, of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as amended by the bill signed by Governor Charlie Baker on July 24, 2020; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted by the Select Board at the request of the Arlington Human Rights Commission)

**ARTICLE 14                    BYLAW AMENDMENT/GUTTERS IN HISTORIC DISTRICTS**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Title VII, Historic Districts, in Article 4, by adding a provision whereby the replacement of existing gutters with fiberglass gutters, made by an approved manufacturer, may be allowed administratively, without the necessity of notice or hearing; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted by the Select Board at the request of the Arlington Historic Districts Commission)

**ARTICLE 15                    BYLAW AMENDMENT/DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIPS**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Title I of the Town Bylaws to add a new provision to formally acknowledge domestic partnerships; define the parameters of domestic partnerships in Arlington, provide an opportunity to register such partnerships at the Office of the Town Clerk; and afford the ability to obtain a certificate attesting to their status; and share in certain rights and benefits conferred under such status under the Bylaw; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted by the Select Board at the request of the Rainbow Commission)

**ARTICLE 16                    BYLAW AMENDMENT/PRE-CONSTRUCTION RODENT  
SURVEY AND PEST MANAGEMENT**

To see if the Town Meeting will vote to amend Title VI of the Town Bylaws to require a rodent survey-assessment of property undergoing foundation excavation before excavation begins; in order to 1) locate burrows and 2) apply integrated pest management with proven large-scale effectiveness (e.g. dry ice); or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Elaine Crowder and ten registered voters)

**ARTICLE 17                    VOTE/ ESTABLISHMENT OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT  
ADVISORY BOARD, COMMISSION, OR COMMITTEE STUDY COMMITTEE**

To see if the Town will vote to form a Committee to study the creation of a Youth and Young Adult Advisory Board, Commission, or Committee with the ability to make recommendations to the Select Board and reports to Town Meeting regarding youth and young adult involvement in governance and youth and young adult input on all issues facing the town; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted by the Select Board)

**ARTICLE 18                    VOTE/APPROPRIATION/SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER STIPENDS**

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to M.G.L. c. 71 Section 52 to provide all Arlington School Committee Members compensation consisting of an annual stipend of \$3000 per member commencing in Fiscal Year 2023; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Christa Kelleher and ten registered voters)

## **ARTICLE 19**

### **VOTE/ESTABLISHMENT OF TOWN COMMITTEE ON RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT**

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Committee of the Town Meeting to examine the current issues related to residential development in the R0, R1, R2, R3, and R4 zoning districts. These issues shall include, but not be limited to, effects on the neighborhood during teardown and construction activities; new construction impacts on neighborhood character/environment; permanent negative impacts on abutters; loss of healthy tree canopy; and exacerbation of particular negative impacts on abutters with existing non-conforming lots.

Members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Town Moderator, and consist of not less than 5 nor more than 9 members. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the appointed members. Members of the Committee shall be residents of the Town, a majority of whom shall be persons who are not Town employees and/or have no financial interest (either directly or indirectly) in the development, building, or real estate communities.

The Committee's objectives will include development of recommendations for proposing new zoning and general bylaws and/or amendments, as applicable, to provide long-term mitigation of the significant issues identified; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted by the Select Board at the request of Paul Parise and ten registered voters)

## **ARTICLE 20**

### **VOTE/ESTABLISHMENT OF TOWN COMMITTEE ON AUTO AND PROPERTY INSURANCE CLAIMS AND LOSSES**

To see if the Town will vote to establish a committee to learn the annual cost of auto and property insurance premiums and insurance claims in the Town of Arlington; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted by the Select Board at the request of Andrew Fischer and ten registered voters)

## **ARTICLE 21**

### **VOTE/PUBLIC REMOTE PARTICIPATION**

To see if the Town will vote to establish parameters for interactive, simultaneous remote participation by members of the public in meetings of all public bodies in the Town of Arlington; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Elizabeth Dray and ten registered voters)

## **ARTICLE 22**

### **VOTE/RESERVE AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR PEOPLE EARNING AT OR UNDER 60% AMI**

To see if the Town will vote a warrant seeking to earmark a majority percentage of municipal funds allocated for affordable housing for those households/individuals making at or under 60% AMI; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of John Sanbonmatsu, Laura Kiesel and ten registered voters)

## **ARTICLE 23**

### **VOTE/PROVISION OF TOWN EMAIL ADDRESSES FOR TOWN MEETING MEMBERS**

To see if the Town will vote to provide email accounts for the use of primary contact by constituents and Town business to all members of the Town Meeting; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Anna Henkin and ten registered voters)

## **ARTICLE 24**

### **VOTE/TOWN CLERK STUDY**

To see if the Town will vote request and or appropriate a sum of money to study the options for conversion of the Town Clerk position from an elected to an appointed office; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Clerk)

**ARTICLE 25****VOTE/AFFORDABLE OVERLAY STUDY**

To see if the Town will vote to study how to implement an Affordable Housing Overlay District; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at request of Guillermo Hamlin and ten registered voters)

**ARTICLE 26****HOME RULE LEGISLATION/RANKED CHOICE VOTING**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize and request the Select Board to file Home Rule Legislation to elect Town offices by Ranked Choice Voting; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted by the Select Board at the request of the Election Modernization Committee)

**ARTICLE 27****HOME RULE LEGISLATION/REAL ESTATE TRANSFER**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize and request the Select Board to file Home Rule Legislation or other Special Legislation which would permit the Town to impose a real estate transfer fee or tax for the purposes of acquiring, creating, preserving, rehabilitating, restoring and supporting affordable housing in the Town; said fee or tax to be levied on the buyer, seller, or both on the purchase price of qualifying real estate, the proceeds of which are to be deposited in an Arlington Affordable Housing Trust Fund established pursuant to Section 55C of Chapter 44 of the General Laws; to set forth the rate, the qualifications for applicable transfers, and exemptions of and to such a tax or fee; and to authorize the procedures and requirements necessary for the collection of such fee; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted by the Select Board at the request of the Housing Plan Implementation Committee)

**ARTICLE 28****ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT/AFFORDABLE HOUSING REQUIREMENTS**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw to increase the time during which the affordable housing requirements apply from a two-year period to a three-year period in alignment with G.L. c.40A § 9 by amending SECTION 8.2.2. APPLICABILITY; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Redevelopment Board)

**ARTICLE 29****ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT/APARTMENT CONVERSION**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw to include a definition of apartment conversion by amending SECTION 2 DEFINITIONS; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Redevelopment Board)

**ARTICLE 30****ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT/GROSS FLOOR AREA**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw to clarify how landscaped and usable open space is calculated relative to gross floor area by amending SECTION 5.3.22. GROSS FLOOR AREA to add subsection C; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Redevelopment Board)

**ARTICLE 31****ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT/PROHIBITED USES**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw to indicate that uses without a “Y” or “SP” in the Tables of Uses are prohibited by amending SECTION 5.2.2. PROHIBITED USES to add subsection C; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Redevelopment Board)

## **ARTICLE 32**

### **ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT/OTHER DISTRICTS DIMENSIONAL AND DENSITY REGULATIONS**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw to include the legend for tables by amending SECTION 5.6.2. DIMENSIONAL AND DENSITY REGULATIONS; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Redevelopment Board)

## **ARTICLE 33**

### **ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT/ADMINISTRATIVE AMENDMENTS**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw to make the following administrative corrections;

1. Correcting references to Board of Selectmen in subparagraph B of SECTION 3.1.4. PENALTY and in Section 3.2.1. ESTABLISHMENT;
2. Removing gendered terms in subparagraph A of SECTION 3.2.3. RULES AND REGULATIONS and subparagraph D of SECTION 6.2.7. NONCONFORMING SIGNS;
3. Correcting reference to August, 1975 in subparagraphs C and D in SECTION 5.4.2. DIMENSIONAL AND DENSITY REQUIREMENTS;
4. Correcting reference to Section 7 in SECTION 3.3.4.A SPECIAL PERMIT CONDITIONS; and
5. Correcting reference to seven feet three inches in subsection A(1) in SECTION 5.3.22. APPLICABILITY

;or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Redevelopment Board)

## **ARTICLE 34**

### **ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT/MARIJUANA USES**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw to allow Marijuana Delivery-Only Retailers and other amendments for consistency with the state regulations for the adult use of marijuana and the medical use of marijuana by amending SECTION 2 DEFINITIONS, SECTION 5.5.3. USE REGULATIONS FOR BUSINESS DISTRICTS, SECTION 5.6.3. USE REGULATIONS FOR MU, PUD, I, T, AND OS DISTRICTS, and SECTION 8.3 STANDARDS FOR MARIJUANA USES; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Redevelopment Board)

## **ARTICLE 35**

### **ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT/INDUSTRIAL USES**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw to update and modernize the Industrial Zoning Districts by amending SECTION 2 DEFINITIONS to define new uses; SECTION 5 DISTRICT REGULATIONS to clarify the applicability of the upper story building step back, to redefine the Industrial Zoning District, to clarify amenity requirements in the Table of Maximum Height and Floor Area Ratio and to add development standards, to include new uses and amend existing uses in the Table of Uses, and to provide additional standards for uses; and SECTION 6 SITE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS to adjust the parking requirement for light manufacturing, to include standards for the Industrial Zoning Districts, to include standards for the Industrial Zoning Districts; and to adjust the bicycle parking standards for light manufacturing and office, medical or clinic uses; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Redevelopment Board)

## **ARTICLE 36**

### **ZONING MAP ADOPTION**

To see if the Town will vote to readopt the Zoning Map of the Town of Arlington, Massachusetts, as amended by previous Town Meeting action; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Redevelopment Board)



## **ARTICLE 37**

### **ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT/MULTIFAMILY ZONING FOR MBTA COMMUNITIES**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw to comply with M.G.L. c. 40A to allow multifamily housing to be permitted as of right with a minimum gross density of 15 units per acre without age restrictions and suitable for families with children in the districts within one half-mile from the Alewife MBTA Station by amending SECTION 2 DEFINITIONS, SECTION 3 ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT, SECTION 4 ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRICTS, SECTION 5 DISTRICT REGULATIONS, SECTION 6 SITE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS, and SECTION 8 SPECIAL REGULATIONS; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Redevelopment Board)

## **ARTICLE 38**

### **ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT/ENERGY EFFICIENT HOMES ON NONCONFORMING LOTS**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw to allow new construction of energy efficient foundations and homes on nonconforming lots in the R0, R1, and R2 Districts that meet certain energy efficiency industry standards; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Redevelopment Board)

## **ARTICLE 39**

### **ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT/ CLARIFICATION OF DEFINITION OF MIXED USE**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the definition of Mixed Use in the Zoning Bylaw to clarify that as enacted by Town Meeting, land uses individually prohibited in any particular zoning district are also prohibited as part of Mixed Use developments in the same zoning district; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted by the Redevelopment Board at the request of Christopher Loreti and 10 registered voters)

## **ARTICLE 40**

### **ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT/CONVERSION OF COMMERCIAL TO RESIDENTIAL**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw in Section 5.2.4, by inserting in the last sentence of said section, after the word *footprint*, the words “if allowed by special permit” and by inserting, after the words *residential use*, the words “provided that the addition or expansion is for affordable housing” so that said sentence will read as follows: In the case of an existing commercial use, the addition or expansion of residential use within the building footprint if allowed by special permit shall not require adherence to setback regulations for residential uses, provided that the addition or expansion is for affordable housing, even if the residential use becomes the principal use of the building; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted by the Redevelopment Board at the request of John L. Worden III and ten registered voters)

## **ARTICLE 41**

### **ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT/DEFINITION OF FOUNDATION**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw in Section 2, by adding a new definition as follows: Building Foundation: The masonry or concrete structure in the ground which supports the building. It does not include porches, decks, sheds, patios, one story attached garages, carports, or the like; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted by the Redevelopment Board at the request of Patricia B. Worden and ten registered voters)

## **ARTICLE 42**

### **ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT/AFFORDABLE HOUSING ON PRIVATELY OWNED PARCELS OF “NON-CONFORMING” SIZE**

To see if the Town will vote to allow the development of new sources of permanently affordable housing (affordable in perpetuity and affordability as defined in Arlington Zoning Bylaws) by

modifying the requirements for constructing housing units to enable construction on smaller lots as long as those units are permanently committed to be available for rental or ownership according to official regional guidelines (see Zoning Bylaw Section 2, Basic Provisions, Definitions Associated with Affordable Housing) of affordability.

Such construction would be permissible in all zoning districts allowing residential use, providing the tracts were laid out prior to July 1, 2019, and receive a special permit from the ZBA. Ownership, sale, repurchase and rentals of each property would be overseen by the Arlington Housing Trust Fund or a comparable entity that would have the authority to enforce the affordability guidelines in perpetuity; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted by the Redevelopment Board at the request of Barbara Thornton and ten registered voters)

#### **ARTICLE 43                      ZONING BYLAW/ADOPTION OF ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw to allow Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) on the property of single family, two-family, and duplex dwellings; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Barbara Thornton and ten registered voters)

#### **ARTICLE 44                      ZONING BYLAW/PARKING MINIMUMS**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw for the Town of Arlington to reduce or remove minimum vehicular parking requirements in some or all business zoning districts; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of James Fleming and ten registered voters)

#### **ARTICLE 45                      ZONING BYLAW/INCREASE PERCENTAGE OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 8.23A of the Zoning Bylaw to increase the percentage of affordable housing units required in any development subject to Section 8.2 of the Zoning Bylaw from 15% to a percentage between 25 and 30%; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of John Sanbonmatsu, Laura Kiesel and ten registered voters)

#### **ARTICLE 46                      ZONING BYLAW/TEARDOWN MORATORIUM**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw by adding to Section 8 a new provision substantially as follows: there is hereby established a temporary moratorium on the demolition, in whole or in part, of older small affordable houses, for a period of two years from the date of final adjournment of this Town Meeting, or when the Town establishes a method of protecting such houses in order to promote the Town's goals of economic diversity and affordability, whichever first occurs. For purposes of this provision, the term "older small affordable houses" shall mean houses built before 1950 with a footprint of less than 1,000 square feet; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Lynette Culverhouse and ten registered voters)

#### **ARTICLE 47                      ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT/ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS FOR OFF-STREET HP (HANDICAP PLACARD) PARKING**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Arlington Zoning Bylaws, Section 6.1.5. ("Parking Reduction in Business, Industrial, and Multi-Family Residential Zones") to establish a minimum HP parking space criteria based on pre-reduction parking requirements; or to take any action related thereto.

(Inserted by the Select Board at the request of the Arlington Disability Commission)

## **ARTICLE 48**

### **ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT/ADA/MAAB STANDARDS IN ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Arlington Zoning Bylaws, Section 3.1 ("Administration and Enforcement") to add a new clause inserting additional language asserting that all permits, including Special Permits, are conditioned upon compliance with all applicable Massachusetts Architectural Access Board and Americans with Disabilities Acts standards for accessibility; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted by the Select Board at the request of the Arlington Disability Commission)

## **ARTICLE 49**

### **ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT/SIDEYARD SKY EXPOSURE PLANES**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 5.3 of the Zoning Bylaw by inserting, at the end thereof, a new subsection 5.3.23 which describes the Purpose & Intent, Applicability, Definitions, Standards by District, Dimensional and Density Regulations and Exceptions for Sideyard Sky Exposure Planes to accommodate new construction while protecting public health, safety and welfare in residential zoning districts; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Ted Fields and ten registered voters)

## **ARTICLE 50**

### **ACCEPTANCE/LOCAL OPTION TAXES**

To see if the Town will vote to accept any local option taxes or other revenue raising options, which are made available to cities and towns through enactments of the legislature, by state regulation or court action; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Finance Committee)

## **ARTICLE 51**

### **TRANSFER OF FUNDS/CEMETERY**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money to the Cemetery Commissioners for the improvement of Town cemeteries, said sum shall be taken from the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery "Sale of Lots and Graves" and/or "Perpetual Care Funds"; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Finance Committee)

## **ARTICLE 52**

### **APPROPRIATION/OVERLAY RESERVE**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from previous years overlay reserve surplus accounts, determine to what purpose this appropriation shall be made; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Finance Committee)

## **ARTICLE 53**

### **APPROPRIATION/FISCAL STABILITY STABILIZATION FUND**

To see if the Town will make an appropriation to or from the Fiscal Stability Stabilization Fund created under Article 65 of the 2005 Annual Town Meeting or any other enabling action of Town Meeting in accordance with the provisions of the General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 5B, as amended, or other appropriate provisions of law, determine how the money shall be raised and expended; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Finance Committee)

## **ARTICLE 54**

### **APPROPRIATION/LONG TERM STABILIZATION FUND**

To see if the Town will make an appropriation to the Long Term Stabilization Fund in accordance with the provisions of the General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 5B, as amended, or other appropriate provisions of law, determine how the money shall be raised and expended; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Finance Committee)

**ARTICLE 55****APPROPRIATION/PEG ACCESS BUDGET**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or transfer a sum or sums of money for the support of public, educational, and/or governmental (“PEG”) access cable television services, said sum or sums to be provided for by the cable franchise agreements and cable licensing fees, detailed in an operational cost, building expenses, and capital expense budget, and expended under the direction of the Town Manager; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

**ARTICLE 56****USE OF FREE CASH**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the taking of a sum of money voted for appropriations heretofore made at the Town Meeting under the Warrant and not voted to be borrowed from available funds in the Treasury, and authorize the Assessors to use free cash in the Treasury to that amount in the determination of the tax rate for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2021; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Finance Committee)

**ARTICLE 57****ENDORSEMENT OF CDBG APPLICATION**

To see if the Town will vote to endorse the application for Federal Fiscal Year 2022 prepared by the Town Manager and Select Board under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383) as amended; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted by the Select Board and at the request of the Town Manager)

**ARTICLE 58****REVOLVING FUNDS**

To see if the Town will vote to hear or receive a report concerning the receipts and expenditures of approved revolving funds, amend the Town Bylaws to adopt new revolving funds, and/or to appropriate sums of money to such revolving funds and determine how the money shall be raised or expended; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted by the Select Board)

**ARTICLE 59****ENDORSEMENT OF PARKING BENEFIT DISTRICT EXPENDITURES**

To see if the Town will vote to endorse the Parking Benefit District operating and capital expenditures for Fiscal Year 2022 prepared by the Town Manager and the Select Board consistent with the Town Bylaws; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

**ARTICLE 60****POSITIONS RECLASSIFICATION**

To see if the Town will vote to make additions, deletions and/or modifications to the Classification and Pay Plan, appropriate a sum of money to fund same if necessary, determine how the money will be raised and expended; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager and the Director of Human Resources)

**ARTICLE 61****COLLECTIVE BARGAINING**

To see if the Town will vote to fund any fiscal items in the event that any are contained in collective bargaining agreements between the Town and the following named collective bargaining units, and to fund for non-union, M Schedule, and elected officials’ salaries or fringe benefits, determine how the money shall be raised and expended; or take any action related thereto:

- A. Local 680, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees;

- B. Service Employees International Union;
- C. Robbins Library Professional Association;
- D. Local 1297, International Association of Firefighters;
- E. Arlington Police Patrol Officers' Association (formerly Arlington Patrolmen's Association);
- F. Arlington Ranking Police Officers' Association;
- G. M Schedule and non-union employees; and
- H. Full-time elected officials

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

## **ARTICLE 62**

## **APPROPRIATION/TOWN BUDGETS**

To see if the Town will vote to make appropriations to defray Town obligations, liabilities, outlay and expenses and especially for or relating to all or any of the boards, departments, purposes and matters hereinafter mentioned, and to provide for the disposal of motor vehicles and other personal property belonging to the Town, determine how the money shall be raised and expended; or take any action related thereto: Finance Committee, Select Board, Town Manager, Human Resources, Comptroller, Information Technology, Town Treasurer and Collector of Taxes, Assessors, Legal and Workers' Compensation, Town Clerk, Registrars, Planning and Community Development, Redevelopment Board, Parking, Zoning Board of Appeals, Public Works, Facilities, Cemeteries, Community Safety, School Department, Libraries, Human Services, Insurance, Non-Contributory Pensions, Contributory Pensions, Town Debt and Interest, Reserve Fund, and/or any other Town Departments, Boards, Commissions or Committees, Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund, Recreation Enterprise Fund, Council on Aging Transportation Enterprise Fund, Veterans' Memorial Rink Enterprise Fund, and Youth Services Enterprise Fund.

(Inserted by the Select Board and at the request of the Town Manager)

## **ARTICLE 63**

## **CAPITAL BUDGET**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to defray the expense of purchasing, leasing, or bonding of capital equipment, infrastructure, buildings or other projects of the Town or to acquire real property for municipal purposes; to appropriate a sum of money to fund previously incurred or future Town debt, to acquire land for said projects where necessary by purchase, eminent domain taking or otherwise, determine how the money shall be raised including the possibility of borrowing any or all of the same, or the transfer of funds from any previous appropriation, determine how such money shall be expended; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted by the Select Board and at the request of the Town Manager and the Capital Planning Committee)

## **ARTICLE 64**

## **RESCIND BORROWING AUTHORIZATIONS FROM PRIOR YEARS**

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the authority to borrow, from prior years' authorizations, the amounts remaining with regard to any numbered prior Annual and/or Special Town Meeting Warrant Articles; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Treasurer)

## **ARTICLE 65**

## **APPROPRIATION/TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE FUND**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$39,153.70 received by the Town from the Commonwealth Transportation Infrastructure Fund to address the impact of transportation network services on municipal roads, bridges and other transportation infrastructure or any other public purpose substantially related to the operation of transportation network services in the Town including, but not



**ARTICLE 70****APPROPRIATION/TOWN CELEBRATIONS AND EVENTS**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum or sums of money to be expended under the direction of the Town Manager for the following celebrations and memorials, determine how the money shall be raised and expended; or take any action related thereto:

Memorial Day Observation and the Patriots' Day Celebration

Display of American Flags on Massachusetts Avenue

Placing of American Flags on the Graves of Veterans

Town Day Celebration

Veterans' Day Parade

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

**ARTICLE 71****APPROPRIATION/MISCELLANEOUS**

To see if the Town will vote the following: Legal Defense – To appropriate a sum of money to replenish the Legal Defense Fund established under Article 13, Section 5 of Title 1 of the Town Bylaws, Indemnification of Medical Costs, to appropriate a sum of money in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 100B of the General Laws, to indemnify certain retired Police Officers and Firefighters for all reasonable medical and surgical expenses which they incurred, determine how the money will be raised and expended; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

**ARTICLE 72****APPROPRIATION/WATER BODIES FUND**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to the Town's Water Bodies Fund for the maintenance, treatment, and oversight of all the Town's water bodies, said sum to be raised by the general tax and expended under the direction of the Town Manager, who will also report to Town Meeting on the status of the fund; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Envision Arlington Standing Committee and its Spy Pond and Reservoir Task Groups, and the Arlington Conservation Commission)

**ARTICLE 73****APPROPRIATION/TRAFFIC STUDY ON PARK AVE**

To see if the town will vote approximately \$5k to undertake a study of the need for an additional traffic light at the intersection of Park Avenue and Appleton Street; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Joseph Solomon and ten registered voters)

**ARTICLE 74****APPROPRIATION/COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND**

To see if the Town will vote to make appropriations from the Community Preservation Fund for eligible community preservation projects; for community preservation reserve accounts for historic preservation, open space and recreation, and affordable housing; for Community Preservation Act Committee administrative expenses or other eligible expenses; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Community Preservation Act Committee)

**ARTICLE 75****APPROPRIATION/HARRY BARBER COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the Harry Barber Community Service Program for the Council on Aging, to determine how the money will be raised and expended; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Council on Aging)

**ARTICLE 76****APPROPRIATION/OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT  
BENEFITS (OPEB) TRUST FUND**

To see if the Town will vote to accept into the Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust Fund, established by Chapter 161 of the Acts of 2005, an appropriation of funds and/or the transfer of additional monies that the Town may deem advisable from other sources, including any monies previously deposited into any of the Town's stabilization funds for this purpose, in order to administer and fund its OPEB obligation as described in the said Chapter 161 of the Acts of 2005; determine how the monies shall be raised and expended; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Contributory Retirement Board)

**ARTICLE 77****APPROPRIATION/PENSION ADJUSTMENT FOR FORMER  
TWENTY-FIVE YEAR/ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY EMPLOYEES**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to implement the provisions of Chapter 32 of Massachusetts General Laws Section 90A, 90C, 90D and 90E, pursuant to which the Town pays up to fifty percent of the maximum salary as set forth in the Compensation and Pay Plan for the position formerly held by retired employees with twenty-five or more years of service to the Town and those employees who retired under an Accidental Disability; provided, however, that no one who retires after May 1, 2010 shall be eligible under this vote unless they qualify for at least a fifty percent pension, without this vote upon their retirement; this adjustment to be paid to those who qualify and administered in accordance with prior practice and understanding relating to the retirement allowance of said retirees; determine how the money shall be raised and expended; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Contributory Retirement Board)

**ARTICLE 78****RESOLUTION/TREE CANOPY AS A PUBLIC HEALTH RESOURCE**

To see if the Town will vote to adopt a resolution recognizing Arlington's tree canopy as a public health resource; or to take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Beth Melofchik and ten registered voters)

**ARTICLE 79****RESOLUTION/ENCOURAGEMENT OF ENERGY EFFICIENT  
AND/OR SUSTAINABLE ENERGY INSTALLATIONS  
IN HISTORIC DISTRICTS**

To see if the Town will vote to urge the Arlington Historic Districts Commission to allow installation in the Historic Districts of any solar panel, heat pump, or other energy-efficient technology that does not cause irreversible changes to historic features or materials; or to take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Susan R. Doctrow and ten registered voters)

**ARTICLE 80****RESOLUTION/FACILITIES DEPARTMENT REPORT/CLARIFY  
RESPONSIBILITIES, TRACK PROGRESS OF THE DEPARTMENT  
OF FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE**

To see if the Town will vote to endorse a resolution calling for a quarterly report of achievements based on the original departmental plan, finalized January 2015, to be provided to the Select Board; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Barbara Thornton and ten registered voters)



**ARTICLE 81                      RESOLUTION/BROADWAY CORRIDOR DESIGN COMPETITION**

To see if the Town Meeting will vote to allow the Town to plan and sponsor a design competition to encourage new housing and mixed use construction in the Broadway Corridor area of Arlington. This warrant article builds on findings from the Fall 2019 Broadway Corridor Study, and creates a "demonstration area project"; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Barbara Thornton and ten registered voters)

**ARTICLE 82                      RESOLUTION/ADVANCED REGISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION  
OF TOWN MEETING SPEAKERS**

To see if the Town will vote to support the development of a practice by the Town Meeting Procedures Committee for prompting proponent and opponents of Town Meeting Warrant Articles to register in advance of the beginning of the first night of Town Meeting to allow for the equal presentation of perspectives; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Barbara Thornton and ten registered voters)

**ARTICLE 83                      RESOLUTION/PROTOCOLS FOR DELIBERATIVE  
COLLABORATION IN TOWN GOVERNMENT INITIATED CITIZEN**

To see if the Town will vote to endorse a resolution in support of directing at least one member of each Town government initiated citizen committee to have formal training or certification as a "Facilitator" in order to help ensure that the committee is a place where all members are respected, allowed to speak, are not intimidated and that agendas are developed that lead to productive outcomes or to reassess the productivity and purpose of every committee at least once every five years to re-authorize the committee's purpose and continuity; or limit the number of Town government-initiated committees to no more than seven per year; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Barbara Thornton and ten registered voters)

**ARTICLE 84                      RESOLUTION/FORMALLY INVITE ARLINGTON HOUSING  
AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVES TO PRESENT TO TOWN MEETING**

To see if the Town will vote to endorse a resolution calling for a the Director of the Arlington Housing Authority to be formally invited to present the AHA proposed annual budget and other key initiatives to the Town Meeting as a regular, annual event; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Barbara Thornton and ten registered voters)

**ARTICLE 85                      RESOLUTION/ACKNOWLEDGING NATIVE LANDS**

To see if the Town will vote to celebrate and recognize the heritage of the peoples indigenous to Massachusetts and Arlington by resolving to encourage the reading of this land acknowledgement statement at the beginning of all public meetings of the Town; or to take any action related thereto.

Accordingly, the text of such a land acknowledgement statement would read:

"We acknowledge that the Town of Arlington is located on the ancestral lands of the Massachusett Tribe, the tribe of Indigenous peoples from whom the Colony, Province, and Commonwealth have taken their names. We pay our respects to the ancestral bloodline of the Massachusett Tribe and their descendants who still inhabit historic Massachusett territories today."

(Inserted at the request of the Arlington Human Rights Commission)

**ARTICLE 86****RESOLUTION/CELEBRATING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY**

To see if the Town will vote to celebrate and recognize the heritage of the peoples indigenous to Massachusetts and Arlington by resolving to encourage celebration of Indigenous Peoples Day throughout the Town on the second Monday in October; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the Request of the Arlington Human Rights Commission)

**ARTICLE 87****RESOLUTION/OVERNIGHT PARKING WAIVER FOR RESIDENTS  
OF MULTI-FAMILY DWELLINGS IN PRECINCT 4**

Be it hereby resolved, that it is the will of Town Meeting that a waiver of Town bylaws be adopted to allow residents of multi-family dwelling with long, narrow driveways in Precinct 4 in East Arlington to park overnight on Town streets outside their homes. Such a waiver is intended to address the unique hardship faced by residents who experience significant delays and inconvenience during morning hours when trying to gain access to their vehicles blocked-in by those other residents; or take any action related there to.

(Inserted at the request of Silvia Dominguez and ten registered voters)

**ARTICLE 88****RESOLUTION/RESIDENT PARKING PROGRAM FOR PRECINCT 4**

Be it hereby resolved, that it is the will of Town Meeting that the Town establish a resident permit parking program for precinct 4 in East Arlington in order to alleviate weekday street parking scarcity created by Alewife T Commuters. Such a program would make allowances for contingencies including but not limited to the parking needs of Mass Ave businesses; DPW snow removal; emergency vehicle access; and visitor parking; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Silvia Dominguez and ten registered voters)

**ARTICLE 89****RESOLUTION/PRINCE HALL DAY**

To see if the Town will vote to declare June 24 as Prince Hall Day; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Beth Melofchik and ten registered voters)

**ARTICLE 90****RESOLUTION/PROGRAM TO INSTALL ELECTRIC VEHICLE  
CHARGING STATIONS**

Be it hereby resolved, that this is the will of Town Meeting that the Town of Arlington should implement, along with adequate funding, a comprehensive program to install electric vehicle charging stations throughout the Town starting with East Arlington where none have been installed to date; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Silvia Dominguez and ten registered voters)

**ARTICLE 91****RESOLUTION/DECLARE CLIMATE EMERGENCY  
IN THE TOWN OF ARLINGTON**

To see if the Town will vote to endorse a resolution calling for a Declaration of Climate Emergency in which the Town would take immediate action in areas within the Town's authority to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, report on the quantity of the Town's emissions, promote and encourage climate action by other government authorities, and protect the rights of people at greatest risk, for the purpose of reducing harm from the pace of warming and global ecological collapse to the maximum extent possible; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Parke Wilde and ten registered voters)

.... (SIGNED)  
....A true copy.  
Attest:

(SIGNED)  
JOHN V. HURD  
DIANE M. MAHON  
STEPHEN W. DECOURCEY  
LENARD T. DIGGINS

SELECT BOARD  
OF THE  
TOWN OF  
ARLINGTON

RICHARD BOYLE  
CONSTABLE

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## **HOW TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT**

### **Reasons for voting absentee**

You may vote absentee if you are registered and will be unable to vote at the polls on Election Day because of

Absence from the Town  
Physical disability  
Religious beliefs

Illegal absentee voting is punishable by a fine of up to \$10,000 and up to five years in prison.

### **Applying for an absentee ballot**

You must apply for an absentee ballot from the Town Clerk no later than noon of the day before the election. Applications may be mailed or hand delivered and you may use any form of written communication (letter or postcard) or the official application form.

Include on the application

Your name as registered  
Your registration address  
Precinct, if you know it  
The precise address to which you wish the ballot sent  
Your own signature

### **Requesting to vote by mail**

A ballot will be sent to any address you specify including your own home. Be sure to apply early because the ballots must be sent by mail and may be returned by mail or hand delivered.

### **Requesting to vote in person**

If you prefer, you may request to vote in person before Election Day. You may vote at the Town Hall before Election Day at a time arranged with the Clerk, but application for your ballot must be made no later than noon of the day before the election. A voter may apply for an absentee ballot and then vote over-the-counter during the same visit.

### **Applying to vote if you are absent from the state, in the armed services or a prisoner**

Registered and unregistered residents of Massachusetts outside the state and residents on active duty in the armed forces and merchant marine and their spouses or dependents, and prisoners, may vote absentee. They may request an absentee ballot from the Town where they legally reside (if outside the U.S., where they resided last before leaving). In addition, a close relative may apply on their behalf in person at the Town Clerk's Office.

A parent of a registered voter who is a student at a Massachusetts college or university may apply for an absentee ballot on the student's behalf to the Town Clerk where the student is registered.

In all cases, unregistered voters must register in person when they return to the state, since this does not establish permanent registration.

**What if I am permanently physically disabled?**

If you are permanently physically disabled and cannot cast your vote at the polling place, you may file a letter from your physician with the Town Clerk, stating that you are permanently unable to cast your vote at the polling place because of physical disability. A completed application for an absentee ballot, for you to sign and return, must be mailed by the Town Clerk to you at least 28 days before every primary and election.

**NOTE:** Voters who are admitted to a health care facility after noon of the fifth day before an election may apply for an absentee ballot up until the polls close on the day of the election (rather than noon the day before the election) and must designate a person to hand deliver and return the absentee ballot.

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